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The MOST-LOVED BEAR



Some teddy bears are young and some are not so young;
but only a very few are as old as the bear in this story.

MACMILLAN CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Fifty years ago, or maybe sixty years ago,
a little girl called Mary Rose bought a
teddy bear with the sixpences she had
saved in her moneybox.

Mary Rose loved the look in her teddy's big brown eyes
and the feel of his soft fur. She called her new bear "Growly Bear"
because he growled when she tipped him up.



Her mummy sewed a G on the bottom
of one foot and a B on the bottom of the other.

Growly Bear became a very special friend and went everywhere with Mary Rose.









Then one sad day, Mary Rose lost him on a train.

She tried to find him – but Growly Bear ended up in the Lost Property Office, hidden behind all the lost umbrellas, hats and gloves.



"Someone is sure to come for me soon," Growly Bear may have said to himself, trying to look on the bright side – but no one did.

No one came for him until that blowy day in autumn when everything in the Lost Property Office was put up for sale, and Growly Bear was bought by a boy called Ronnie and his dad.

They thought that he was very cheap – a bargain bear, in fact. And that's what they called him: Bargain Bear.

There wasn't much room in Ronnie's house for toys, so his new Bargain Bear got a bit squashed and a bit bashed.





Bargain Bears are tough, though, and they don't mind a bit of squashing and bashing.



Besides, Ronnie loved reading, and he read many a story to his good friend Bargain Bear.